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[Bean]

FARM FAMILY OF THE WEEK

TIME 12:25-1:00 p.m.

BY Howard Langfitt

DATE Fri. March 25, 1960

VIDEO

AUDIO

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

SLIDE FARM-1
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-2
HOUSE

I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO MARION COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT, MR. D.O. SCOTT, FOR HIS VERY WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY AND FOR GOING WITH ME TO THEIR FARM TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE STORY WHICH I AM NOW GOING TO TELL. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE C. BEAN, AND THEIR SIX CHILDREN WHO LIVE ON AND FARM 112½ ACRES IN THE KOKOMO COMMUNITY OF MARION COUNTY. THIS FARM IS THE FARM WHERE MRS. BEAN GREW UP AS A GIRL...A FARM TO WHICH SHE EVENTUALLY BROUGHT HER KENTUCKY HUSBAND. LAWRENCE BEAN WAS RAISED NEAR MAYESVILLE KENTUCKY IN THE HEART OF TOBACCO COUNTRY. HE MET MISS EDNA MAE MARTIN WHILE HE WAS STATIONED AT CAMP SHELBY AND SHE WAS A NURSE AT THE METHODIST HOSPITAL IN HATTIESBURG. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1942 WHILE LAWRENCE WAS STILL IN SERVICE AND BEFORE HE WENT OVERSEAS. UPON HIS DISCHARGE FROM SERVICE IN 1945 THEY WENT TO OHIO WHERE LAWRENCE WORKED IN A BICYCLE FACTORY FOR TWO YEARS. THEY CAME BACK TO MISSISSIPPI IN THE FALL OF 1949 AND THEN UNTIL 1955 LAWRENCE BEAN WORKED IN A PLYWOOD FACTORY IN FOXWORTH AND AT A MONUMENT COMPANY NEAR JAMESTOWN. IN 1955 HE BOUGHT OUT MRS. BEAN'S FATHER, LOCK, STOCK AND

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AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-3
CATTLE

BARREL, AND MOVED INTO THIS HOME WHERE THEY LIVE TODAY...THOUGH THEY HAVE ADDED TO IT AND MADE MANY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FIVE YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN HERE. MRS. BEAN'S FATHER WAS IN THE DAIRY BUSINESS AND RAISED COTTON. LAWRENCE BOUGHT OUT THE HERD OF 20 COWS AND 5 YEARLING HEIFERS AND STARTED OUT ON A TYPE OF FARMING ENTIRELY UNFAMILIAR TO HIM...DAIRYING AND COTTON RAISING. HE HAD NEVER RAISED COTTON BUT HE HAD NINE ACRES THAT FIRST YEAR. HOWEVER, AFTER TWO YEARS HE GAVE UP ON COTTON. HE FOUND IT AND DAIRYING DIDN'T WORK TOO WELL TOGETHER SO HE DECIDED TO INCREASE HIS DAIRY OPERATION AND QUIT THE COTTON. LAWRENCE BEAN BOUGHT INTO A GRADE "A" DAIRY OPERATION.... BUT IT HAD A VERY LOW BASE...ONLY 114 POUNDS. HE WENT TO WORK WITH MUCH HELP FROM HIS COUNTY AGENT AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND HAS BUILT THAT BASE TO ABOUT 700 POUNDS NOW. THIS MILKING BARN WAS ON THE FARM, BUT HERE TOO, LAWRENCE BEAN HAS DONE CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OF THE BARN. EVERY YEAR OF HIS DAIRY OPERATION LAWRENCE BEAN HAS BEEN GETTING LARGER, BUT NOW HE HAS ALL THE COWS HE CAN HANDLE AND IS WORKING ON INCREASING PRODUCTION PER COW. RIGHT IN THE VERY BEGINNING OF HIS FARM OPERATION LARRY BEAN ENROLLED IN THE EXTENSION SERVICE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM

SLIDE FARM-4
DAIRY BARN

SLIDE FARM-5
CATTLE

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SLIDE FARM-6
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-7
COW IN BARN

SLIDE FARM-8
COW IN BARN

SLIDE FARM-9
BULK TANK

AND MOST OF HIS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN WITH THE HELP AND ADVICE OF ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT, L.O. PAULETTE. TODAY LARRY HAS 32 MILKING COWS AND 18 HEIFERS AND YEARLINGS. HE HAS BEEN ON THE ARTIFICIAL BREEDING PROGRAM FROMT THE VERY BEGINNING. HE HAS BEEN ENROLLED IN THE D.H.I.A. PROGRAM FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS AND HAS HANDLED EVERY ANIMAL AS AN INDIVIDUAL ACCORDING TO HER RECORD. WHEN LARRY FIRST TOOK OVER THE HERD IT HAD AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 4,000 POUNDS OF MILK PER COW PER YEAR. WHEN HE ENROLLED IN THE D.H.I.A. PROGRAM IT WAS 7,000 POUNDS AND THIS PAST YEAR WAS 7,231 POUNDS...AND AT THAT 13 OF THE MILKERS WERE FIRST CALF HEIFERS, BOTH JERSEY AND HOLSTEIN SINCE ENROLLING IN THE D.H.I.A. PROGRAM, ON THE BASIS OF PRODUCTION AND CALVING RECORDS, LARRY HAS CULLED 22 LOW PRODUCING COWS. HE IS GRADUALL GETTING AWAY FROM JERSEYS TO AN ALL HOLSTEIN HERD. IF A COW DOESN'T GIVE AT LEAST 4,800 POUND OF MILK HE DOESN'T WANT HER. HE GETS A 100% CALF CROP AND WON'T TOLERATE BREEDING TROUBLE. HE CALFHOOD VACCINATES AND THE HERD IS TB AND BANGS FREE. FIVE YEARS AGO LARRY USED TWO PORTABLE MILKERS AND HANDLED HIS MILK IN CANS, COOLING WIT AN ICE BANK COOLER. IN SEPTEMBER OF 1958 HE MADE THE CHANGE TO BULK TANK....A SOLAR MILK MINDER...

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SLIDE FARM-10
FEED ROOM

SLIDE FARM-11
PASTURE

SLIDE FARM-12
OATS

WHICH HE THINKS THE WORLD OF. LARRY, LIKE MOST BULK TANK DAIRYMEN, IS QUICK TO SAY THAT ANYONE WHO EVER USED ONE WOULDN'T GO BACK TO ANY OTHER METHOD. HE GETS BETTER WEIGHTS...HE CAN READ THE WEIGHTS HIMSELF...IT'S EASIER AND QUICKER TO CLEAN...LOWERS BACTERIA COUNT AND KEEPS THE MILK COOL EASIER. LARRY AND THE BOYS DO MOST OF THE WORK IN THE BARN...EITHER MILKING OR FEEDING. AS LARRY POINTS OUT HERE TO COUNTY AGENT, D.O. SCOTT, HE FEEDS A HOME MIX, WHICH HE HAD ANALYZED FOR PROTEIN CONTENT. IT IS ABOUT 15% PROTEIN AND CONSISTS OF CORN, OATS, CONCENTRATE, SALT AND MINERAL. HE FEEDS IT TO THE COWS IN THE BARN ON THE BASIS OF PRODUCTION....ONE POUND FOR EACH THREE POUNDS OF MILK. DRY COWS ALSO GET SOME BUT A LESSER AMOUNT. LARRY BEAN HAS 40 ACRES IN PERMANENT PASTURE, COASTAL BERMUDA, BAHIA GRASS AND CRIMSON CLOVER. HOWEVER, HE RELIES HEAVILY ON TEMPORARY GRAZING, BOTH WINTER AND SUMMER. IN THE WINTER HE PLANTS 40 ACRES IN OATS. HE GRAZES SOME OF IT ALL THE WAY, AND TAKES OFF SOME IN MARCH. HE TESTS HIS SOIL AND FERTILIZES ACCORDING TO SOIL NEEDS. SOME LIME HAS BEEN ADDED AND HE NITRATES THE OATS. IN THE SUMMER TEMPORARY GRAZING IS SUPPLIED BY 15 ACRES OF MILLET...IN STAGGARD PLANTINGS...THREE DIFFERENT AREAS....

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SLIDE FARM-13
SILO

PLANTING A MONTH APART. A BIG PART OF THE FORAGE PROGRAM IS SILAGE. LARRY HAS USED SILAGE FOUR YEARS. HE STARTED WITH SORGHUM THE FIRST YEAR, THEN MILLET AND THEN TO CORN, WHICH HE HAS CONTINUED TO USE....HE FIGURES IT'S THE BEST. THE FIRST SUMMER LARRY BUILT THIS 150 TON TRENCH WITH CONCRETE WALLS AND FLOOR. HE FEEDS BOTH WITH A SELF FEEDER IN THE SILO AND HAULS TO TROUGHS. LAST YEAR HE PUT UP 140 TONS AND RAN OUT SO WILL PUT UP MORE THIS YEAR IF HE CAN. HE HAD 20

SLIDE FARM-14
PIGS

ACRES OF CORN FOR SILAGE AND THREE FOR GRAIN.... IT AVERAGED 80 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. HE PUTS UP ABOUT 600 BALES OF OAT HAY WHICH IS FED FREE CHOICE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. LARRY BEAN HAS ALWAYS RAISED A FEW HOGS. TWO OF THE BOYS GOT REGISTERED DUROC SOWS IN THE PIG CHAIN AND MR. BEAN HAS A REGISTERED SOW AND MALE...WHICH BY THE WAY IS FOR SALE, SINCE IT'S FROM HIS HERD. THEY RAISED ABOUT 17 HOGS THIS YEAR. WATER FOR THE LIVESTOCK IS SUPPLIED FROM TWO PONDS AND IS PIPED TO A TANK IN THE LOT FROM THE WELL AT THE HOUSE. THIS LAND IS BEING BROKEN NOW FOR CORN SILAGE. THE LAND IS WELL TERRACED AND WELL MAINTAINED. IT IS FENCED AND CROSS FENCED AND LARRY HAS CLEARED SEVERAL HOLLOWES TO BRING THEM INTO PRODUCTION. IN FACT HE HAS USED A LITTLE BEAVER

SLIDE FARM-15
LAND

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SLIDE FARM-16
TRACTORSLIDE FARM-17
FREEZERSLIDE FARM-18
CANNED FOODSLIDE FARM-19
KITCHENSLIDE FARM-20
SEWING

TO KILL SOME UNDESIRABLE HARDWOODS. LARRY BEAN IS COMPLETELY MECHANIZED WITH ALL THE EQUIPMENT HE NEEDS FOR WHAT IS PRIMARILY A GRASSLAND AND FORAGE PROGRAM. HE HAS ONE TRACTOR AND HIRES HIS HAY AND SILAGE PUT UP ON A CUSTOM BASIS. THERE(S MUCH MORE TO TELL ABOUT THIS YOUNG FARMER, BUT WE'LL ASK HIM ABOUT IT LATER, RIGHT NOW I WANT TO TELL YOU BRIEFLY OF THE HOMEMAKING PROGRAM CARRIED ON BY MRS. BEAN AND HER DAUGHTERS. FROM THEIR 2 ACRES OF GARDEN AND FAMILY BEEF AND PORK SUPPLY, THEY EACH YEAR FREEZE ABOUT 2,000 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR THE FAMILY FREEZER. IN ADDITION THE PUT UP ANOTHER 200 JARS OF FOODSUCH THINGS AS JAMS, JELLIES, FIGS. TOMATOES, BLACKBERRIES AND SO FORTH. MRS. BEAN STILL WORKS AS A REGISTERED NURSE AT MARION COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND ALSO FINDS TIME TO COOK FOR THE FAMILY AND DO THE NECESSARY HOME WORK TO KEEP HER LARGE FAMILY GOING. SHE LIKES TO COOK AND DOES MOST OF THE COOKING, BEFORE SHE LEAVES FOR AN EIGHT HOUR SHIFT AT THE HOSPITAL AND AFTER SHE RETURNS. SHE ALSO DOES MOST OF THE MENDING OF CLOTHES FOR THE FAMILY AND SOME SEWING FOR HERSELF AND HER GIRLS...THOUGH LINDA DOES MOST OF HER OWN SEWING. ALL THE CHILDREN HAVE CERTAIN CHORES TO DO AND THEY GO PROMPTLY ABOUT THEM WITHOUT BEING

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AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-21
BOYS & CALVES

TOLD. THEY HAVE ALL BEEN ACTIVE IN 4-H CLUB WORK AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER. RIGHT NOW THE THREE BOYS ARE FITTING AND SHOWING DAIRY CALVES. THESE CALVES WERE SHOWN AT THE COUNTY SHOW BY MARTIN AND RONNIE. THAT'S LARRY STANDING BEHIND. HE HAS HIS CALF AT HATTIESBURG THIS WEEK SHOWING IN THE SOUTH DISTRICT SHOW. IT WAS CHAMPION JERSEY FEMALE AT THE COUNTY SHOW LAST WEEK. LIKE ANY BIG FAMILY ON THE FARM, THE YOUNGSTERS FIND TIME TO PLAY TOGETHER TOO. THEY ALL LOVE BASKETBALL AND THEY HAVE THEIR OWN COURT IN THE YARD WHERE THEY AND THE NEIGHBORS HAVE MANY A HOT CONTEST. THE SIX BEAN CHILDREN ARE 16 YEAR OLD BARABARA ANN....14 YEAR OLD TWINS, LINDA AND LARRY....11 YEAR OLD BONNIE GAIL AND 10 YEAR OLD MARTIN LEWIS AND NINE YEAR OLD RONNIE. BARBARA ANN IS ON THE WEST MARION HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM. MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE BEAN AND THEIR FAMILY BELONG TO THE FOXWORTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE LAWRENCE TEACHES THE JUNIOR BOYS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AND ALL THE CHILDREN ARE ACTIVE IN THE YOUTH WORK OF THE CHURCH. THIS IS A WONDERFUL FAMILY THAT HAS SOUGHT AND USED SOUND AGRICULTURAL ADVICE TO BETTER THEIR FARM AND HOME PROGRAM. I AM PROUD TO SALUTE THEM AS TODAY'S OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY AND NOW I WANT YOU TO MEET

SLIDE FARM-22
BASKETBALL

CAMERA ON FAMILY

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AUDIO

THEM.

1. LARRY, WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE YOU FOUND IN YOUR PRESENT TYPE OF FARMING FROM WHAT YOU HAD GROWN UP WITH.
2. IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOUR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS HELPED YOU MOST?
3. WHAT ARE THE KEYS TO YOUR DAIRY PROGRAM?
4. MRS BEAN, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN NURSING?
5. DO YOU PLAN ANY CHANGES IN YOUR HOME?
6. WHAT HAS HELPED YOU MOST IN HOMEMAKING?
7. WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE CHILDREN?
8. ASK CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIKES AND DISLIKES?
9. ASK MR. SCOTT ABOUT FAMILY ACCOMPLISHMENTS DAIRY FIELD DAY?